

REMARKS

Species Election Requirements

Applicants were required to elect a single species for the following categories:

- 1) "Compound A,"
- 2) "A non-ionic detergent,"
- 3) "Binding pair," and
- 4) "Buffer".

Response to Species Election Requirements

- 1) With regard to "Compound A," Applicants elect ethylene glycol.
Claims 28-49 read on this species.
- 2) With regard to "A non-ionic detergent," Applicants elect Poly(oxyethylene) (20)-sorbitane monolaurate (Tween®20).
Claims 28-49 read on this species.
- 3) With regard to "a binding pair," Applicants elect antibody-antigen binding pair.
Claims 28-48 read on this species.
- 4) With regard to "Buffer," Applicants elect phosphate buffer.
Claims 28-49 read on this species.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, the Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species, which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other

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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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